LINCOLN, NEBRASKA – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today commented regarding the current health care legislation pending before Congress.

"Clearly for the first time the administration is hearing the very deep and serious public concerns to a government-run public option in health care and the limitations it places on health care liberties. Perhaps now we can have a discussion that is focused on strengthening the best aspects of our health care system. Americans deserve a thorough policy debate that is grounded on one essential question: how do we improve health outcomes and reduce costs for small businesses and families while protecting vulnerable persons?" Fortenberry has expressed opposition to the U.S. House of Representatives health care bill as proposed by the Obama administration.

Fortenberry today continued to meet with First District constituents to discuss the health care plan. He recently held a congressional field hearing in Lincoln to discuss the role of nutrition, wellness, and prevention in strengthening the American health care system. He will also be speaking on health care at an event on Thursday, August 20, 2009 hosted by the Chambers of Commerce from Lincoln, Bellevue and Greater Omaha. The event will feature a Nebraska version of the traditional Washington, DC Nebraska Breakfast with comments from all five members of Nebraska's Congressional Delegation.

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